

"Children of New Eaden"

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PROTOTYPE TWO (RHEYN'S PLAYTHROUGH):

INT. NEXUS BIONICS' WAREHOUSE - 03:14 AM

The night is silent. Four mercenaries led by a notorious Roadrunner quietly enter the building.

HUNTER

(serious, concentrated)
Over here, Rheyn. We hacked the controls panels, so you can enter the next room as soon as you are done here. The code is 6483.

RHEYN

(sarcastic, teasing)
How efficient of you.

HUNTER

(good-humoured, perky)
You know how it is. No amount of security can stop us.

RHEYN

(sarcastic, teasing)
Bold claims, Hunter.

HUNTER

(good-humoured, perky)
It's all part of my charm.

RHEYN

(sarcastic, teasing)
Mm-hmm. I'm sure it is.

HUNTER

(good-humoured, perky)
Admit it, you are falling for me, aren't you?

RHEYN

(abrupt, teasing)
How about we focus on the task at hand?

HUNTER

(serious, concerned)
It would be easier if we knew what we are looking for.

RHEYN

(serious, firm)
That's classified.

HUNTER

(serious, dissatisfied)
When it isn't? Sharing is
caring, you know.

RHEYN

(abrupt, teasing)
Get that smile off your
face and stay on guard.

HUNTER

(good-humoured, perky)
You can't even see my face.

RHEYN

(abrupt, teasing)
I do not have to.

Rheyn walks up to the computer at the
reception desk.

RHEYN

(serious, concentrated)
Nexus Bionics...
Nonsteroidal anti-
inflammatory drugs,
corticosteroids,
acetaminophen, muscle
relaxants, anti-anxiety
drugs, some
antidepressants,
anticonvulsant drugs and
some small amount of
opioids.
Nothing APEX's lab rats
can't make on their own.
How are they using you Mr.
Leath? And what do they
have on you?
Hm, that's strange...
Of course, the transmission
file is inaudible.

Rheyn enters another room and goes to the right to talk to her crew member.

RHEYN

(serious, concentrated)
What do you have for me,
Xandr?.

XANDR

(indifferent, concentrated)
Beakers. Conical and
boiling flasks. Test tubes,
tongs, and racks.
Crucibles. Funnels. Safety
equipment.

RHEYN

(surprised, curious)
Where did you learn about
this stuff?

XANDR

(melancholic, disheartened)
My father was a chemist. I
wanted to follow his
footsteps, but... There is
no room for dreams in New
Eaden.

RHEYN

(heavy-hearted, supportive)
We'll work something out.
You can always make your
deadly tarragon rum.

XANDR

(indifferent, concentrated)
Sure. I'll let you know if
I find something useful.

Rheyn checks on the crew member responsible for monitoring the cameras.

RHEYN

(serious, concentrated)
Any disturbances?

PORTER

(serious, concentrated)
I'm monitoring the outside
cameras; it seems we are in
the clear.

RHEYN

(serious, concentrated)
How much time is remaining?

PORTER

(serious, sceptical)
Eleven minutes 'till we
pull the plug. I can't
believe we agreed to this.

RHEYN

(serious, reassuring)
If APEX's mercs come, they
won't be able to catch us
in the midst of chaos.

PORTER

(serious, sceptical)
Like they care about
collateral damage. They
have resources to waste.

RHEYN

(serious, reassuring)
The police will fire on
them first if they start
shooting.

PORTER

(serious, sceptical)
The same police they have
in their pockets?

RHEYN

(abrupt, firm)
No, not the same.

PORTER

(serious, surprised)
Wait... You have a back-up
for our back-up plan? Who
will you call?

RHEYN

(abrupt, firm)
You don't have to worry
about that. I need your
eyes on those cameras.

PORTER

(serious, alarmed)
No, not them too, Rheyne.
Pft, you are mad. From what
hell did you come from?

RHEYN

(abrupt, firm)
The same old one whose path
is paved with good
intentions.

Rheyn looks at some raw materials placed on one
of the work surfaces.

RHEYN

(serious, concentrated)
Medic bots in the making.
It's hard to tell whether
they are useful or not.
Usually, they either come
too late or the wounds are
too serious for them to do
anything.

Rheyn finds an elevator remote.

RHEYN

(serious, concentrated)
Hm, an elevator remote.
This is my way to the
second floor.

Rheyn opens a fridge on the top floor and looks
at a capsule containing an unknown energy.

RHEYN

(serious, concentrated)
This must be it. The
capsule is completely
frozen, and yet it still
vibrates...

A bullet suddenly breaks the glass window and
collides with the capsule. A loud explosion is
heard immediately after the impact.

THE END

PROTOTYPE ONE (CAIDAN'S PLAYTHROUGH):

INT. NEXUS BIONICS' WAREHOUSE - 04:47 PM

The building is completely flooded with police officers. Caidan arrives at the scene.

OFFICER #1

(serious, explicit)
Hayden Belmont?

CAIDAN

(polite, concentrated)
Yes, sir.

OFFICER #1

(serious, explicit)
Come through, the deputy
has requested you.
She instructed you to
examine the first victim,
the rest are being scanned
as we speak.
Once you are done, head
over to the next room.
I don't know why she asked
for you, kid.
But now that you are here,
you better prepare
yourself. This ain't like
anything we have seen
before.

Caidan approaches the dead body.

CAIDAN

(serious, concentrated)
The body is in a poor
state. The victim suffered
heavy cochlear damage on
the auditory system.
The globe was ruptured,
lungs blasted, and bowels
perforated.
Multiple fractures and
lacerations caused a
massive hemorrhage. If the
blast didn't kill him, he
then bled out.

Caidan talks to the officer at the reception desk.

CAIDAN

(serious, concentrated)
What do we know about the event?

OFFICER #2

(serious, explicit)
Twelve hours ago, a huge explosion was heard in the night. Multiple witnesses described it as nothing they have seen before. Based on our analysis, the spherical explosive shell of a thick, black, and red material reached about 4000 meters high, generating a shock wave spanning over fifteen surrounding districts. Surprisingly, more than a hundred thousand atmospheres of external pressure had a much smaller radius, impacting only this building and its vicinity.

CAIDAN

(serious, concentrated)
Who's the owner of the building?

OFFICER #2

(serious, explicit)
Orson Leath, a 55-year-old CEO of Nexus Bionics, a private medical company. He has already been called to the station.

CAIDAN

(serious, concentrated)
And the victims?

OFFICER #2

(serious, explicit)
Unidentified. They used the
alteration of the frequency
of a broadcast
transmission, so their
faces were unrecognizable
on the small amount of
footage the tech team
managed to salvage.

Caidan enters another room and find a broken
device on the floor.

CAIDAN

(in pain, blinded)
Argh! Ugh... What is
happening?

RHEYN (VISION)

(in disbelief, emotional)
Caidan?

CAIDAN

(in disbelief, emotional)
Rheyn?

RHEYN (VISION)

(in disbelief, emotional)
This can't be happening.

CAIDAN

(in disbelief, concerned)
Where are you?!

RHEYN (VISION)

(in disbelief, fleeting)
I... Don't-

CAIDAN

(in disbelief, emotional)
Rheyn?
I have to find out what
happened here.

Caidan walks up to the third officer.

CAIDAN

(serious, concentrated)
What is the damage
assessment?

OFFICER #3

(serious, explicit)
Three males, ages between
16-37. Their clothes are
too damaged to tell us
anything. Three guns were
found, packed, and bagged
for the lab.
The drones picked up their
biological evidence, but
they haven't popped out in
the system.
The whole network is down,
and all hardware is still
under the influence of an
unidentified black and red
material.

CAIDAN

(serious, concentrated)
Do we know why?

OFFICER #3

(serious, explicit)
The data shows
unprecedented electric
behaviour... It almost
seems like... Like the
explosion changed the
electrical energy and
created a new one.

CAIDAN

(serious, concentrated)
What does Nexus Bionics
produce?

OFFICER #3

(serious, explicit)
Mostly simple painkillers
and remedies. The first-
responders are still
fetching the entire list of
lost equipment.

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